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Kings Park West Civic Association

Happy spring!

Calling all high school seniors! The scholarship committee is gearing up for the 2020 scholarship program, with applications being due on/postmarked by April 26. Up to three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to 2020 graduating high school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of the KPW Civic Association. This scholarship is open to seniors who are enrolling in a four-year college/university, two-year college, trade or technical training, or formalized gap year program. Each scholarship will be awarded based on community service, civic activities, and extracurricular service involvement (40%); academic achievement (20%); a written essay (20%); and a personal interview (20%). You can find the scholarship application on the back of this edition of the Herald.

We hope to see you at the annual KPWCA Spring Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at Lakeside Park. As always, we are hoping for beautiful weather as the children hunt for colorful eggs. Just in case the weather does not cooperate, a rain date is set for the following Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m. Many thanks to Cub Scout Pack 1967 for planning and hosting this fun event for the community again this year. Please keep an eye out on social media—Facebook and Nextdoor—for announcements and updates.

Friends of Royal Lake continue their great volunteer efforts protecting and preserving Royal Lake Park. They continue to collaborate with the Park Authority staff and public officials and actively maintain, clean, and preserve the parks and lake. Please join the Friends of Royal Lake at Royal Lake Park for the Quarterly Trail Maintenance Workday on March 21, 2020, at 9 a.m. to noon. If possible, please bring shovels, rakes, tampers, and wheelbarrows.

***Wanted!: Spring Clean-Up Volunteers***

The KPWCA Parks & Lakes Committee is looking for motivated community members to help organize twice-a-year park/lake clean-ups. We need *your* ideas to make the clean-ups successful, fun, and inviting!

Mark your calendars now for the **Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 18 from 8 to 11 a.m.** This is an important opportunity to help protect our natural resources, meet some new neighbors, and have fun—all while helping to make our corner of the world a better place! (*Not bad for a spring morning!*)

There will be clean-up teams at Royal Lake and Lakeside Parks. Raffle prizes, refreshments, and maybe other surprises will make this a fun day for all! Service hours can be earned. For more information and to volunteer with Parks & Lake and/or help plan the clean-up, please contact Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) and/or [sarahjlennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjlennon@gmail.com).

Community Calendar	
St. Patrick's Day.....	Mar 17
KPWCA Board Meeting.....	Mar 17
Spring Begins.....	Mar 19
KPWCA Easter Egg Hunt.....	Mar 29
Citizen Advisory Council.....	Apr 7
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KPW Yard Sale.....	May 2

# KINGS PARK WEST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Send your name, address, and phone number, along with a check for \$25, to KPWCA, P.O. Box 7114, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7114. Members receive the Community Directory and support from community programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Scholarship Awards, community social activities, Parks & Lakes Clean-up, and a free subscription to The Herald. Alternatively, go to [www.kpwca.org](http://www.kpwca.org) and pay using PayPal.

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### Volunteer Opportunities

**Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) Trail Maintenance Volunteers:** Every three months, the FORL organize a morning when neighborhood volunteers work to improve problem areas on the trails around Royal Lake. The next such time will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 21.

**KPWCA Sign Posting:** *30 minutes per month.* KPWCA maintains three signs that serve to keep KPW residents informed of community activities. We have a team for each sign and would like to add a member to each team. Responsibility is to post announcements provided by the KWPCA Board periodically throughout the year.

**Parks & Lakes Committee:** We are looking for 3-5 motivated members to help plan and organize twice-a-year park/lake clean-ups. *A few hours per month in the months leading up to the April and October clean-ups.* Please contact Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org) and/or [sarahgilennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgilennon@gmail.com).

**Neighbor Assist Volunteers:** *As needed.* Looking for friendly callers (a great way to volunteer without having to leave your home), computer experts to provide IT assistance, and handyman volunteers. Contact Bruce Wallachy at [wallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:wallbdc@gmail.com) or call 703-401-0275.

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The Spring Parks and Lake Clean-up is scheduled Saturday April 18, 2020, from 8 a.m. to noon at both Royal Lake Park and Lakeside Park. All are welcome to help with removing trash from the parks and stream valley to protect our natural resources and making Kings Park West a better place to live. Please join us for this important volunteer activity. For more information, please check out [facebook.com/friendsofroyallake](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofroyallake) or email Sarah Lennon, KPWCA Parks & Lake Committee, at [sarahgilennon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgilennon@gmail.com).

Many thanks to Leah Larson-Taylor for her outstanding volunteer efforts as the Herald co-editor. Leah has worked diligently for the last four years editing and preparing the Herald newsletter for final content and logistics and so much more! She did an exceptional job and was always helpful and welcoming, working to produce our community newsletter eight times a year. It has been a pleasure volunteering with Leah! We extend our sincere appreciation for her hard work and dedication to the KPW community.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Monica Grover, who has volunteered as our new Herald co-editor. Monica was an English major in college and currently works in public affairs. She and Sara Rezk are our two Herald co-editors who are the mainstay of this wonderful publication. Thank you for your community spirit and willingness to give your time and talents.

The board and I are very excited that our new Braddock District Supervisor, James Walkinshaw, will be joining us at the KPWCA Spring Membership meeting planned for May 12! Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for the April Herald for all the details.

In closing, please consider volunteering with the association—we need of your help! We are seeking help with the 2020 Membership committee for the fall membership campaign. Please contact me at [president@KPWCA.org](mailto:president@KPWCA.org) if you can help or have any questions.

Sincerely, Jeanmarie Roberson

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## Support Your Neighborhood: Join the Kings Park West Civic Association

by Kaycie Blaylock

When I moved into Kings Park West two years ago, we did two renovations right away and had some dying trees removed from our backyard. Having lived in a neighborhood with a strong homeowner's association in Florida, we kept asking our neighbors if we needed to have a neighborhood board approve or authorize work or modifications to the exterior of our home. I had this strong fear of getting fined if there were weeds in our beds or our grass was too high. My neighbors had mentioned the KPWCA, but when I asked them what their responsibilities were, nobody was able to clearly define what the civic association did for the community. And I didn't really understand what they did until I attended a membership meeting and started to participate in their events.

KPWCA is not a HOA. It doesn't enforce things like lawn maintenance or house color. What the civic association does is work to improve the livability of our neighborhood. I appreciate that because NOVA is a busy place with a lot of people. Our particular neighborhood is large with approximately 2,000 houses, and it is important that we work together as a community to make where we live a better place for everyone.

So, here is a small sampling of what the civic association does and what your \$25 membership fee supports. I think you'll see that membership has real benefits for you and your neighbors.

- We put on events for kids (and adults). I personally learned how amazingly soft baby llamas are at the last Halloween festival. We work to make these events helpful—like our dumpster days—or just plain fun, like our Spring Egg Hunt.
- We work to improve the appearance of our neighborhood by managing the maintenance of the common areas and by organizing cleanups and park maintenance through the amazing Friends of Royal Lake group. This year, we have added year-round port-a-potties to the two main parks and dog waste stations.
- We support local organizations like the community pools, scout troops, and the volunteer fire department.
- We support graduates through our scholarship program.
- And we encourage communication among our neighbors by circulating The Herald newsletter, delivering content through the website, and maintaining an accurate community directory.

This is just a sample of what the KPWCA offers, so if you haven't had a chance to become a member, please do so. It's never too late to support your neighborhood—and it's easy, too: just go to [kpwca.org](http://kpwca.org).

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### Kings Park West Neighbor Assist Program Update

Word continues to spread about our services among KPW residents. We've had a few requests from individuals who have not previously requested our service. We thank you for contacting us.

We feel that some residents may still feel reluctant to call us. Don't be. Our volunteer handymen will call and arrange a time to come and see the scope of your project. They have lots of talent, so most jobs are within the scope of our service. If we don't have the skills needed (like fixing old KPW plumbing), we can advise you of potential options.

Since we are no longer connected with the KPW Civic Association, our handymen may require that you agree to allow them to work and sign a form releasing them from any damage that might happen. The civic association insurance does not cover us. To date, we have completed well over 100 separate services without incident. We don't expect any issues. We encourage you to ask questions about what we are doing. We want you to be happy with our service.

The handymen are also residents of KPW and are dedicated to helping you stay and enjoy living in your KPW house by reducing the cost that commercial companies have to charge to send someone to do these tasks. As a reminder: these services are offered to **all** KPW residents. The labor is free to you, but we will ask you to cover the cost of parts and other materials involved. Just give us a call at **703-401-0275** or email us at our new email address:

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### Girl Scouts Service Unit 54-15 Update

On February 22, almost 300 Girl Scouts from the area gathered at St. Stephen's Methodist Church to celebrate World Thinking Day, a Girl Scout tradition that celebrates the diversity within our organization and beyond while discovering more about our international sisterhood and the living threads that bind us together as sisters. The theme for 2020 was diversity, equity, and inclusion, and troops created displays, food, and performances to represent over 20 countries.

All of the local Girl Scout troops in the area would like to thank their neighbors for their support during cookie season and during the

third annual KPW cookie drive-thru! Do you have a child interested in joining Girl Scouts, or are you interested in volunteering with us? Please visit our website at [www.gsnc.org](http://www.gsnc.org) for more information.



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## Kings Park West Boy Scouts Were First Ever to Visit the USS Gerald R. Ford

*Visit to Naval Station Norfolk also included tours of the USS Boise and USS San Antonio*  
by Melissa Talbot, Troop 1966

On January 12, 2020, Boy Scout Troop 1966 and Cub Scout Pack 1967, both sponsored by the Kings Park West Civic Association (KPWCA), were honored and privileged to be the first scouts to visit the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), the newest aircraft carrier in the United States Navy and the first in its class. It is the first aircraft carrier designed in more than 40 years.

This trip was especially significant to both the scouts and the ship because Gerald Ford is the only president of the United States to achieve Eagle Scout, Boy Scout's highest rank. President Ford's experience as a Boy Scout was so meaningful to him and his family that the ship's official seal includes a compass with a fleur-de-lis pointing true north instead of an N to symbolize the Boy Scouts of America and their core values.



*Seal of the USS Gerald R. Ford.  
Image credit: USS Gerald R. Ford*

The two-day visit opened with a reading of a letter to Troop 1966 from Susan Ford Bales, the ship's sponsor and daughter of President Ford. She remarked how the visit "represents a special confluence of two parts of dad's life about which he was so proud—his naval service as a Lieutenant Commander in World War II...and his service as a Boy Scout who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout."



**Left:** Scouts from Troop 1966 and Pack 1967 on the flight deck of the USS Gerald R. Ford. Image credit: USS Gerald R. Ford.

**Center:** Scouts from Troop 1966 and Pack 1967 participating in morning colors with Sailors from the USS Gerald R. Ford. Image credit: USS Gerald R. Ford.

**Right:** Scouts from Troop 1966 and Pack 1967 hearing from Sailors on the USS San Antonio. Image credit: Melissa Talbot.

Afterwards, the scouts were able to eat lunch with the crew and tour the aircraft carrier. Tour highlights included visiting a hangar bay, walking along the flight deck, exploring the pilot house, hearing from damage control (the Ford's firefighters), and learning about the ordnance on board. At every stop, sailors from the Ford were on hand to provide information about their role on the ship and answer the wide variety of questions from the scouts. When asked to pick his favorite part of the day, one scout enthusiastically yelled out, "All of it!" while the more than 60 kids and adults in the room nodded and cheered in agreement.

The itinerary was full of unique experiences and special access to the ship and its crew. "We wanted to give the scouts a general sense of the life of a sailor in the U.S. Navy aboard an aircraft carrier and all the things young men and women could do aboard our ship," explained Lt.j.g. Nick Spaleny, the USS Gerald R. Ford's assistant public affairs officer.

He added, “If President Ford were alive today, I think he would have loved to see how his namesake ship is fostering a relationship with Boy Scouts of America and the next generation of future leaders.”

That special relationship was recognized by the scouts and adult volunteers as well. Troop 1966’s KPWCA Charter Organization Representative, Michael Stonkey, worked closely with Ford personnel to organize the trip for the Kings Park West scouts. He said, “I think it’s important for our scouts to see first-hand the opportunities being a scout can bring to them now and later in life. The skills and values young people learn while in scouting stay with them for a lifetime. President Ford is an incredible example of integrity, honesty, and dedication to service. Everyone we met as part of our visit to the Ford mirrored those same values.”

**Left:** Scouts from Troop 1966 and Pack 1967 participating in morning colors on the USS Gerald R. Ford. Image credit: USS Gerald R. Ford.



**Right:** Scouts from Troop 1966 and Pack 1967 learning about ordnance aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford. Image Credit: Melissa Talbot.



The tour ended with an opportunity to observe and participate in morning colors aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford. This flag raising ceremony happens daily on every U.S. Navy vessel around the world and was a solemn reminder to the scouts and others about the sacrifices men and women in the U.S. Navy and other servicemembers make on a daily basis. Troop 1966 and Pack 1967 were grateful and humbled by the chance to spend time on the USS Gerald R. Ford.



Scouts from Pack 1967 trying on flight deck safety gear from the USS San Antonio. Image Credit: Matt Jones



A Boy Scout from Troop 1966 looks out over the deck of the USS San Antonio. Image Credit: Melissa Talbot.

After leaving the aircraft carrier, scouts also toured the fast attack submarine USS Boise (SSN 764) and the amphibious transport dock USS San Antonio (LPD 17). These visits further demonstrated the wide variety of people, skills, and equipment needed to perform U.S. Navy missions around the world. At every ship, Pack 1967 presented their hosts with custom made neckerchief slides as a token of their appreciation. The slides are a one-sided challenge coin with a ring on the back. They feature the 12 points of the Scout Law in a starburst pattern surrounded by a ring saying Pack 1967, Fairfax VA, Kings Park West Civic Association, and the same fleur-de-lis that is prominent on the Ford’s seal. Upon departure, it was clear the scouts and parents will remember the sailors they met and their visit to Naval Station Norfolk for a lifetime.

**Pack 1968 News**

Pack 1968 has had a fun start to 2020!

We had our Pinewood Derby in January at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with donuts and cocoa. Our dens competed their cars for show and speed. Our winners were:

Lions (Kindergarten)	Tigers (1st grade)	Bears (3rd grade)	Webelos (5th grade)
Show: Adam Snow	Show: Leo Salinas	Show: Nate Scott	Show: Gunner Larson
Speed: Lucas Gervais	Speed: TJ Sheipe	Speed: Christopher Ryan	Speed: Nick Belmonti



All our winners will go on to compete at the District Pinewood Derby on March 7, where they will compete against winners from other packs in the area.

In February, we had our Blue & Gold Dinner, which celebrates the birthday of scouting. The banquet had a sports theme complete with human foosball, stadium/tailgate theme food, and sports-themed centerpieces made by the scouts. A good time was had by all.

Coming up in March, our AOLs (5th graders, pictured at right on a hike) are set to graduate up to Boy Scouts at our next pack meeting. Brandon Rebeyro will bridge up to Troop 697 (St. Mary of Sorrows), and Charlie McDade will bridge up to Troop 1966 (KPW). We wish these dedicated scouts the best of luck in their new endeavors with the Boy Scouts.



In April, we will be going on our spring family campout to Blue Ridge Regional Park. At the campout, our scouts and their parents and siblings will join us for camping, campfires, hiking, and, of course, s'mores.

If your child would like to join Pack 1968, please email our Cubmaster Ed Ryan ([cubmaster.pack1968@gmail.com](mailto:cubmaster.pack1968@gmail.com)) or Committee Chair Alaina Watkins ([ccpack1968@gmail.com](mailto:ccpack1968@gmail.com)). We welcome new families at any time of year.

**Pack 1967 News**

If it's February, that means it is Pinewood Derby time in Pack 1967! It is always a fun time to see all the cars that the Scouts built and see how well they race. In addition to racing the cars, our guest judges, Mrs. Parsons and Miss Parsons, judged the Scouts' cars for show for the second year in a row. Thank you to our judges!



Congratulations to all our Den champions! After racing and judging each of the Dens, the Pack had a champions race and judging. Congratulations to Jack Szydlik for winning the overall Pack speed championship and to Katie Jones for winning best in show for the Pack!

Lions	Tiger	Wolf	Bear	Webelos	Arrow of Light
Show: Devin Drumheller	Show: Colin Fucci	Show: Henrik Mann	Show: Katie Jones	Show: Cormac Mann	Show: Chris Jones
Speed: Laura Jones	Speed: Lucas Decker	Speed: Jack Szydlik	Speed: Katie Jones	Speed: Scott Shelby	Speed: Evan Strawn



If your child is interested in finding out more about Scouting, please join us at a Den meeting! If you have any questions or want to contact a Den Leader, we can be contacted at [CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com](mailto:CubScout.Pack.1967@gmail.com).

**Aging in Place Presentations for April 15 and May 20**

On **April 15**, Dr. Carla Easter from National Genome Research Institute will present "Genomics 101" at 1 p.m. in the Kings Park Library meeting room. Genomics is an interdisciplinary field of biology focusing on the structure, function, evolution, mapping, and editing of genomes. On **May 20**, Ridge Multop, an AARP volunteer, will present "Financial Basics for the 50-Plus" at 1 p.m. in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room.

All Aging in Place presentations are open to the public and presented on the third Wednesday of each month in the Kings Park Library complex. Sometimes, we have so many people that the room is completely full. You can get on the list for announcements for the Aging in Place presentations by sending an email to [wallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:wallbdc@gmail.com).



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## Kings Park West Real Estate Corner



by Cathy DeLoach

### Fewer Homes On The Market, But Sales Prices Are High!

The 2020 real estate market got off to a slow start in Kings Park West, with fewer homes listed than in recent years. However, home sale prices are good, with some homes selling over list price. And there are a number of homes currently being prepped for appearance on the market this month. Our neighborhood closely reflects the real estate trends being seen overall in Fairfax, with fewer properties listed but prices inching upwards over last year.

Prospective sellers are encouraged to prepare their homes intelligently prior to listing, correcting obvious issues like removing clutter and fixing glaring home repair problems. They should further explore updates and improvements that will result in a higher sales price. Some upgrades can result in 10's of thousands more dollars in sales price and net income to seller.

Buyers should be aware that markets with low inventory mean that homes sell quickly. They should be pre-approved for financing and willing to make an offer without delay when a suitable property becomes available. Multiple contracts are being presented on many homes, so offers should be thoughtful and priced with the market reality in mind.

**YTD KPW Homes Sold: 5**  
**Average List Price: \$629,998**  
**Average Sold Price: \$629,280**  
**Average Days on Market: 13**

Model	Status	Address	List	Close Price	DOM
Baron	SOLD!	10401 Heady Ct	\$698,000	\$680,000	1
Baron	Coming Soon!	10166 Tapestry Ct	\$735,000		n/a
Baron	Pending	10435 Finchley Ct	\$699,900		7
Cromwell	SOLD!	4792 Catterick Ct	\$579,900	\$579,900	5
Duchess	Pending	10204 Bessmer Ln	\$624,900		75
Duke	Under Contract	9606 Commonwealth Blvd	\$630,000		85
King	SOLD!	5017 Gainsborough Dr	\$600,000	\$575,500	50
King	Pending	5230 Richardson Dr	\$639,888		5
Prince	Under Contract	10023 W Constable Ct	\$584,999		3
Queen	SOLD!	10001 Commonwealth Blvd	\$659,000	\$665,000	2
Queen	Coming Soon!	5118 Pommeroy Dr	\$625,000		n/a
Queen	Pending	4876 Wheatstone Dr	\$609,888		6
Queen	Under Contract	9932 Eastlake Dr	\$699,500		5
Regent	SOLD!	4909 Wheatstone Dr	\$619,000	\$626,000	5
Regent	Pending	5200 Ellington Ct	\$624,997		8
York	Coming Soon!	5204 Pumphrey Dr	\$450,000		n/a

## Invasive Species Profile: English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Part 1

by Greg Sykes ([greg@grsykes.com](mailto:greg@grsykes.com))

**Native Range:** Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa

**U.S. Introduction:** At least 1727 as an ornamental

**Life Cycle:** Perennial vine

**Means of Spreading:** Runners and berries eaten by birds, which pass the seeds

**Commercially Available:** Yes

**Control Method:** Hand-pull seedlings and young plants. Cut ivy windows around trees. Sever long vines for easier management. Mature vines may require mechanical tools, such as a Weed Wrench.

**Good Alternative Species:** Green and golds (*Chrysogonum virginianum*), foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*), trumpet or coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

**Comments:** English ivy is the weed that brought the Invasive Management Area (IMA) program to Royal Lake in 2007. Back then, IMA was in its second half of a two-year pilot program sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA). After identifying several English ivy plots along the Shanes Creek section, volunteers worked to remove those targets over the next few years. Since then, the list of invasive species found in the Royal Lake watershed expanded. With six trained and certified IMA site leaders, Royal Lake, Lakeside, and Crooked Creek Parks are some of FCPA's most active and successful areas.

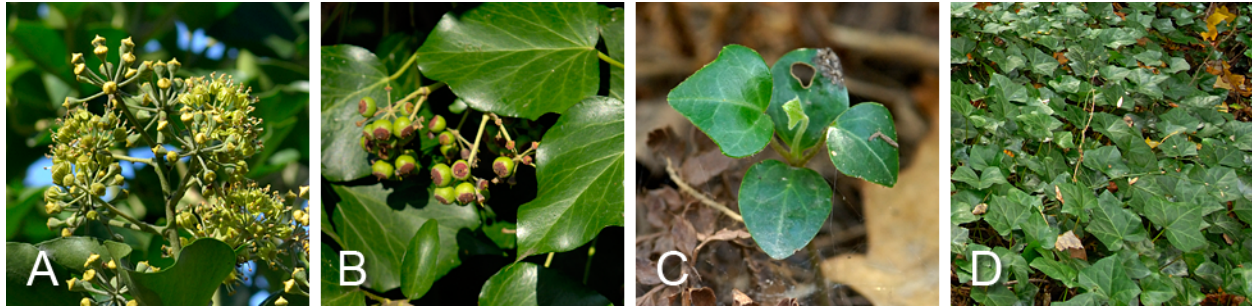
Before it became a nuisance, English ivy came to America in 1727 as an ornamental vine. People liked its evergreen foliage and images evoking Old World charm. While initially adding English ivy seemed innocent enough, the saying about planting it is, "The first year it sleeps, the second year it creeps, and the third year it leaps." This vine is such a weed in the U.S. due to the "leaping," or rampant growth, because it lacks parasites, predators, or diseases to keep it in check. Deer nibble on the leaves in the late autumn, but that browsing is an inadequate biological control.

English ivy overtakes plots by extending long expeditionary vines where, if left uncut, they fill out and smother the native herbaceous plants. Another form of vegetative reproduction is when pieces of detached vine—even a single leaf—are left in contact with moist soil. These fragments sprout roots and grow into a mature plant. Invasive species introduction like this is one of the many reasons why dumping or leaf-blowing yard waste into parkland is illegal and an all-around bad idea.

English ivy must climb something like a tree or building to sexually reproduce. The height can be as short as a four-foot fence. The elevated vines bloom, which yield fruits that birds eat and later distribute the seeds via droppings. Vines, including English ivy, should never be allowed to grow on buildings as the plants can cause pricy damage to exteriors such as masonry and siding. Even in Europe, many landlords are wising up and removing the iconic ivy from their mansions before the inevitable repairs become too expensive!



**Figure 1.** English ivy's evergreen leaves have five points and light veins. The dark green background might acquire reddish hues in the winter. Adventitious roots cover mature vines, especially climbing ones. These roots do not absorb water or nutrients when acting as holdfasts on trees but can become normal roots upon contacting soil if the tree falls. These hairy roots are thicker and lighter than those on poison ivy's maroon vines.



**Figure 2.** English ivy's growth stages include (A) blossoms, which are light green and attract yellow jackets. The flowers immediately start forming fruits (B). These green specimens will swell and ripen into charcoal-colored berries. The leaves on fruiting branches are rounded compared to the more pointed forms elsewhere on the vine. The bird-dispersed seeds sprout into seedlings (C), which develop into dense, smothering groundcover (D).

In its homeland, where natural biological controls exist, English ivy integrates with forest ecosystems and sparse to moderate vines grow without matting down all other plants. In America, unchecked English ivy climbs up trees, tightly covering the trunk and branches. The ivy's excessive weight and surface area increases the risk of the tree's death or collapse, especially during wind, snow, or ice storms. As it does to ground-level plants, the vines can overrun and stifle smaller trees—causing death by blocking sunlight. Thick vine coverage may trap moisture, especially around the tree's base, causing bark to rot. Native vines, such as Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), fox grape (*Vitis labrusca*), and even poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), lack drastic impacts on trees due to a looser density than English ivy. With leaves absent from these deciduous vines during colder months, winter storm damage is typically lower than when evergreen English ivy engulfs the tree.

Given that English ivy is on many people's radar and is one of the weeds that folks ask about the most, [Part 2](#) of this series details how to efficiently eradicate the vines.

For more information on English ivy:




- Invasive Plant Atlas, English ivy: <https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/subject.html?sub=3027>
- Invasive.org, English ivy: <https://www.invasive.org/browse/subinfo.cfm?sub=3027>
- Invasive.org, English ivy: <https://www.invasive.org/alien/pubs/midatlantic/hehe.htm>
- Fire Effects Information System (FEIS), Hedera helix: <https://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/vine/hedhel/all.html>
- WeedWise, English Ivy: <https://weedwise.conservationdistrict.org/management/english-ivy>
- Eco-Article: Invasive Plant Removal Program, [http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/01a\\_2007-08.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/01a_2007-08.pdf) (August 2007)
- Eco-Article, More Invasive Plant Q/As: [http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/07b\\_2008-05.pdf](http://www.grsykes.com/pdf/eco-articles/07b_2008-05.pdf) (May 2008)
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**Figure 3.** One way that English ivy kills mature trees is by weighing them down.



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by cathy deloach



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